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1. On 3 June 1951 a Soviet general accompanied by two Soviet Army officers and two Polish officers, one of whom was from the Navy, arrived in Hel harbor. On 13 June 1951, following orders received from Naval H.Q., the Fishery Office issued a notice closing until further notice all fishing in Puck Bay up to a line from the Protestant Church in Hel village to the breakwater at Okrywic.
2. On 14 June 1951 the BLYSKAWICA and KOLBAMA entered Hel harbor. The latter ship is being used as barracks for naval officers and has her own power. Since 14 June 1951 three torpedo boats of the Polish navy began patrolling Puck Bay. Petty officers stationed at Hel Harbor said that the closing of the bay was connected with mine-laying exercises which were shortly to take place in the Bay.
3. From 26 to 29 June 1951, naval exercises, which included firing practice, were carried out in Puck Bay. The BLYSKAWICA, SRP, and seven minesweepers took part. The BLYSKAWICA, undergoing repair in the Paris Commune Shipyard, is continually discharging smoke, and the cause of this cannot be found.
4. Fishing in Puck Bay was still prohibited on 4 July 1951.
5. Control of movement in the restricted area formed by the Hel Peninsula has been taken over from G.O.P. by the Polish Navy, which is now patrolling this area with police dogs specially trained at the Dogs' Training School at Chayok (Szkoła Treningu Psow w Chajsku). The G.O.P. troops formerly stationed in Hel village have been moved to Jastarnia.
6. Stricter security measures for the protection of Hel (fishing) port have been imposed with the advent of the holiday season, and visitors are no longer allowed to stay in Hel village overnight without a special permit which is issued at Gdynia. Searching of private houses for unauthorized visitors is becoming more frequent.

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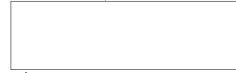
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7. There are two ways of entering Hel village. One way is to take the pleasure steamer at Varna and land at Hel port where passengers are usually required to show their documents. The other way is to take the train from Puck. Passengers' documents are thoroughly examined at Jastarnia by M.O.P., who question passengers as to their reason for using the train in passing through part of the restricted area, instead of the steamer, much more attractive for any seaside holiday maker.

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